

# QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

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## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at End of Period (a).			Natural Increase.	Migration—Civil Only. Increase + ; Decrease -		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	(b)	Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	-363	- 987	-1,350
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	- 32	-1,407	-1,439
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+242	- 820	- 578
1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	3,871	+346	- 309	+ 37
1940	297,849	300,242	598,091	4,309	+460	- 5,141	-4,681
1941	302,021	303,668	605,689	4,677	+ 69	+ 2,852	+2,921
1942	303,980	306,291	610,271	4,566	+282	+ 678	+ 960
March Quarter, 1942	303,404	305,016	608,420	1,416	+181	+1,536	+1,717
1943	304,507	306,893	611,400	1,690	- 1	- 239	- 240
June Quarter, 1942	302,284	305,063	607,347	1,208	+ 86	-2,291	-2,205
1943	304,825	307,334	612,159	1,560	+ 21	- 736	- 715
Sept. Quarter, 1942	303,159	305,681	608,840	841	- 7	+ 851	+ 844
1943	306,556	308,549	615,105	1,588	-	+1,458	+1,458

Metropolitan population, 31st December, 1942, approximately 355,000.

(a) Inclusive of all S.A. troops enlisted, irrespective of present location, and exclusive of other troops, prisoners of war, etc. (b) See note below.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period Registered.	Births Registered.	Deaths Registered. (b)	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
1940.....	10,017	5,708	6,950	356
1941.....	10,965	6,288	6,855	356
1942.....	11,278	6,712	8,129	445
1943.....	13,145	6,482	6,263	475
Jan., 1943.....	1,061	514	503	41
1944.....	960	402	456	31
Feb., 1943.....	929	514	503	38
1944.....	1,214	441	435	43
Mar., 1943.....	1,265	517	832	37
1944.....	1,086	390	575	22
Mar., Quarter, 1943.....	3,255	1,545	1,838	116
1944.....	3,260	1,233	1,466	96

(b) Excluding deaths of defence personnel, 1940, 42; 1941, 372; 1942, 588; 1943, ?

### 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1944.							State 38 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Cent. tral.	Lower North.	Upper North.	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1944.	105 Years' Mean
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January .....	·11	·09	·24	·26	·01	·13	·11	·62	·18	·78
February .....	·54	·82	·95	·91	·39	·40	·60	·72	·78	·76
March .....	·27	·43	·05	·72	·13	·18	·26	·73	·63	1·01
April .....	1·79	1·04	·82	2·31	1·65	·61	1·44	·96	1·91	1·76
			April to November							Jan. to Dec.
1943.....	13·75	9·36	6·10	19·66	9·63	7·77	10·77	—	17·84	21·18
1942.....	21·21	15·39	10·06	24·99	14·37	13·04	16·11	—	25·44	—
Mean, 38 years	15·87	12·06	8·61	19·29	10·94	10·25	12·46	12·46	—	—

### 4.—EMPLOYMENT (Estimated).

(Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics, and Defence Personnel.)

	July, 39.	July, 42.	July, 43.	Nov., 43.	Dec., 43.	Jan., 44.
Factories.....M	33,832	50,438	49,428	48,396	48,441	48,255
F	7,845	18,541	20,643	18,844	18,298	18,484
Total .....	41,677	68,979	70,071	67,240	66,739	66,739
Retail Stores .....	7,550	5,827	5,242	5,230	5,391	5,321
F	5,850	7,365	6,760	6,928	6,981	6,926
Total .....	13,400	13,192	12,002	12,158	12,372	12,247
State M	15,849	16,956	15,195	15,246	15,042	15,072
Government (a) F	4,153	4,585	4,921	4,908	4,772	4,701
Total .....	20,002	21,541	20,116	20,154	19,814	19,773
Commonwealth M	5,219	6,846	<i>b</i> 7,291	7,894	7,983	7,891
Government (a) F	1,105	2,665	3,422	3,471	3,452	3,376
Total .....	6,324	9,511	10,713	11,365	11,435	11,267
Local Government M	3,710	2,162	2,046	2,159	2,109	2,052
F	126	225	212	211	217	223
Total .....	3,836	2,387	2,258	2,370	2,326	2,275
Banks .....	1,600	681	560	534	537	532
F	120	378	380	382	382	385
Total .....	1,720	1,059	940	916	919	917
Total M	106,700	116,137	109,560	109,751	110,031	110,044
(inc. other) F	34,000	50,745	52,652	51,730	51,232	51,590
Total .....	140,700	166,882	162,212	161,481	161,263	161,634

(a) Ex. factory employees who are included above.

(b) Understated approx. 800.

Rural Workers (Permanent), 1938-39, M. 41,421, F. 2,942. 1942-43, M 29,573, F. 5,131.

## 5. UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	7.3	9.4	8.8	4.5	1.6	c 1.0
Labour Exchange Registrations end June .....No.	7,739	8,574	5,978	1,745	b	b
Employment in Factories Index No. (a) .....	138	136	141	165	206	d 223

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100.

(b) Not recorded, practically Nil. January, 1942, 148.

(c) November, 1943, 0.8.

(d) February, 1944, 220.

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
Year, 1931-32 .....	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932-33 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1933-34 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1934-35 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1935-36 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1936-37 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1937-38 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
1938-39 .....	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
1939-40 .....	2,424	1,692	3,165	12,304	5,096	2,851	304	12,701
1940-41 .....	2,679	1,884	3,145	12,756	5,247	2,844	336	12,918
1941-42 .....	2,782	1,560	3,482	12,925	5,286	2,938	169	13,008
1942-43 .....	3,119	1,623	4,858	15,002	5,336	3,542	34	12,712
January, 1943 .....	2,675	1,329	5,876	15,193	5,310	4,418	—	14,960
1944 .....	219	116	476	1,385	733	355	—	1,456
February, 1943 .....	209	102	448	1,337	744	375	—	1,491
1944 .....	281	86	559	1,378	316	348	—	1,022
March, 1943 .....	283	111	523	1,408	297	389	—	1,064
1944 .....	335	192	405	1,355	346	376	—	1,301
March Quarter, 1943 ...	327	209	509	1,475	375	413	—	1,356
1944 ...	835	394	1,440	4,118	1,395	1,079	—	3,779
July-March, 1942-43 ....	819	422	1,480	4,220	1,416	1,177	—	3,911
1943-44 ....	1,388	986	4,213	10,667	4,052	3,210	—	10,929
1944 .....	1,366	1,065	4,329	10,898	4,053	3,577	—	11,389

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.



## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.		Deposits, Trust Funds, Etc.	Cash in Hand, Etc.	Expenditure on Loan Works, Etc.
	Total.	Per Head.			
	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	175 15 2	3,328,424	536,787	104,390,869
1933.....	103,707,332	178 10 3	3,075,410	787,057	105,995,685
1934.....	105,419,280	180 14 10	3,456,633	1,546,429	107,329,484
1935.....	105,349,536	180 2 10	3,240,902	1,632,787	106,957,651
1936.....	105,698,481	179 19 6	3,724,565	1,161,218	108,261,828
1937.....	106,594,164	181 1 6	2,999,926	1,307,182	108,286,908
1938.....	107,450,640	181 8 4	2,573,435	1,102,980	108,921,095
1939.....	108,887,092	182 15 4	2,300,420	1,474,959	109,712,553
1940.....	109,344,040	182 15 0	2,462,759	1,710,057	110,096,742
1941.....	109,779,724	183 2 8	3,358,054	1,730,774	111,407,004
1942.....	109,190,224	179 16 3	4,465,678	2,225,285	111,430,617
1943.....	108,429,169	177 2 6	3,956,770	1,801,024	110,584,915
31st March, 1943.....	109,356,924	178 17 4	3,797,821	2,398,713	110,756,032
1944.....	109,562,739	178 0 0	3,842,833	2,456,914	111,948,658

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%			
June Quarter							
1932 . . . .	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933 . . . .	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934 . . . .	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935 . . . .	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936 . . . .	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937 . . . .	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
1938 . . . .	18,559,625	73·47	6,701,860	26·53	25,261,485	19,306,744	76·43
1939 . . . .	18,845,522	74·18	6,558,821	25·82	25,404,343	19,808,154	77·97
1940 . . . .	19,286,074	71·71	7,606,718	28·29	26,892,792	17,911,061	66·60
1941 . . . .	18,947,340	68·92	8,546,437	31·08	27,493,777	16,889,318	61·43
1942 . . . .	18,499,019	61·46	11,600,937	38·54	30,099,956	15,362,011	51·04
1943 . . . .	18,821,759	55·45	15,119,387	44·55	33,941,146	14,008,774	41·27
Mar. Quarter							
1943 . . . .	19,044,898	56·47	14,683,092	43·53	33,727,990	13,170,643	39·05
1944 . . . .	19,775,481	52·74	17,719,290	47·26	37,494,771	13,572,044	36·20

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, March Quarter, 1944. Advances; £2,051,973; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £7,900,398; Not Bearing Interest, £3,340,477, Total, £11,240,875.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	607,724	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,313	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38 .....	657,814	27,243,654	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
1938-39 .....	669,685	27,397,028	45 19 9	153,932,144	2,952,870
1939-40 .....	677,685	26,563,287	44 7 11	167,988,303	3,219,186
1940-41 .....	692,120	27,509,706	45 17 10	182,332,702	3,498,544
1941-42 .....	721,800	30,615,989	50 8 4	207,434,796	3,970,325
1942-43 .....	760,935	38,562,814	63 0 0	236,455,974	4,532,288
Jan., 1943 .....	740,757	34,444,642	56 10 0	17,981,063	4,214,340
1944 .....	781,933	44,498,759	72 0 0	19,300,304	4,492,883
February, 1943 .....	746,303	35,435,674	58 0 0	18,801,956	4,599,442
1944 .....	788,210	45,487,815	74 0 0	22,885,301	5,530,952
March, 1943 .....	751,077	36,424,891	59 10 0	24,100,476	5,277,354
1944 .....	792,289	46,339,442	75 10 0	24,078,395	5,201,402

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32 .....	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33 .....	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34 .....	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36 .....	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38 .....	19,057,243	15,246,000	7,473,802	7,772,198
1938-39 .....	14,841,507	11,873,000	5,851,043	6,021,957
July-April, 1938-39 .....	13,074,056	10,459,000	4,854,923	5,604,077
1939-40 .....	11,890,218	9,512,000	5,693,556	3,818,444

NOTE.—Publication of Trade Statistics since suspended.

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Quantities—							
Barley	bush.	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	2,248,212	1,732,502	748,134
Flour	ton	60,137	58,590	68,231	86,678	63,885	59,079
Wheat	bush.	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	18,486,303	15,407,166	7,216,719
Butter	lb.	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	7,385,564	6,141,640	8,411,809
Cheese	lb.	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	12,907,683	11,090,920	13,763,100
Eggs in shell	doz.	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,395,540	1,395,240	1,395,660
Lamb	carcases	342,177	420,374	376,893	667,248	666,324	687,823
Wool (a)	lb.	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	87,272,802	71,628,812	59,810,385
Currants and raisins	lb.	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	42,692,777	16,723,395	7,123,045
Wine	gall.	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	3,440,509	2,915,384	2,670,260
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,171,943	4,077,760	2,889,577	2,035,271
Lead	cwt.	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,994,054	1,641,441	1,273,469
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley	£	353,533	432,079	746,661	279,311	218,883	88,804
Flour	£	422,899	558,675	617,446	498,396	374,708	379,018
Wheat	£	4,087,227	4,386,206	6,306,741	2,532,065	2,077,953	950,407
Butter	£	400,509	395,448	496,326	413,471	322,946	464,494
Cheese	£	80,851	166,122	294,136	372,776	321,875	409,149
Eggs in shell	£	165,892	140,542	68,441	75,915	75,894	72,329
Lamb	£	288,017	352,575	367,078	682,682	681,973	712,973
Wool	£	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	3,461,417	2,859,747	2,962,018
Currants and raisins	£	512,714	459,518	730,550	787,524	312,598	138,060
Wine	£	870,710	955,033	857,291	919,983	784,317	696,988
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	531,685	737,066	684,856	553,410	432,379	355,944
Lead	£	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,846,630	1,535,546	1,280,425

(a) Including scoured converted to greasy.

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
<b>(British Currency.)</b>						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and attire .....	61,419	62,758	78,970	74,326	61,056	49,376
Bags and sacks .....	312,623	315,346	300,072	274,076	239,516	434,064
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates	129,773	129,015	131,000	138,981	94,833	88,300
Iron and steel .....	433,653	350,041	794,299	311,174	271,827	95,328
Machines and machinery ...	601,041	730,242	1,111,567	912,006	757,302	552,504
Motor bodies, chassis, etc. ..	375,010	373,703	515,185	354,923	272,870	248,698
Petrol, etc.....	417,979	421,437	562,893	495,219	379,969	610,284
Kerosene.....	68,194	62,706	124,132	66,751	48,480	81,780
Other oils in bulk .....	180,426	165,611	249,986	245,930	148,325	258,003
Paper .....	195,972	269,392	224,787	234,798	163,253	230,786
Stationery, books, etc.....	111,022	109,701	131,959	147,968	96,909	194,990
Tea .....	111,940	121,758	113,900	108,425	82,556	124,040
Textiles, piecegoods, etc. ...	610,588	612,363	733,714	600,050	477,792	516,474
Timber .....	274,150	175,886	526,309	294,297	207,644	229,542

### 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. a.	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
1937-38..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	200,144
1938-39..	3,133,373	2,675,299	6,177,407	17,528,651	2,661,168	212,982
1939-40..	3,183,562	2,679,622	5,928,416	17,641,766	2,700,163	220,037
1940-41..	3,530,166	2,804,490	5,892,240	20,360,011	2,770,374	277,570
1941-42..	4,963,907	3,600,736	6,598,746	28,512,513	3,127,900	434,465
1942-43..	5,832,475	4,409,251	6,792,459	30,863,577	3,459,855	510,653
Dec., 1942.....	605,862	395,402	547,961	2,948,862	262,386	52,263
1943.....	532,021	428,140	554,227	2,585,189	289,271	49,162
Jan., 1943.....	476,577	354,607	553,882	2,410,842	262,267	46,545
1944.....	448,452	374,884	548,196	2,169,776	297,776	38,665
Feb., 1943.....	558,970	348,334	510,776	2,488,247	251,126	39,947
1944.....	522,213	388,833	538,446	2,067,331	318,754	35,658
July-Feb.						
1942-43 ....	3,807,997	2,834,450	4,514,188	20,283,566	2,278,845	333,568
1943-44 ....	3,819,706	3,163,511	4,494,379	18,145,920	2,455,214	318,813

a Excluding pensions and capital charges.

### 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage. (Revenue)
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38 .....	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
1938-39 .....	421,187	951,051	25,840	31,844	1,429,922	348,614
1939-40 .....	411,719	876,011	57,412	28,742	1,373,884	336,980
1940-41 .....	445,798	852,168	104,134	40,428	1,442,528	330,947
1941-42 .....	565,082	981,115	149,795	30,963	1,726,955	385,861
1942-43 .....	554,406	1,131,822	125,391	41,948	1,853,567	431,661
Dec., 1942.....	48,138	80,532	12,939	6,833	148,442	32,466
1943.....	47,281	90,831	7,801	6,630	152,543	35,000
Jan., 1943.....	47,639	86,517	13,173	3,200	150,529	33,800
1944.....	48,254	92,820	7,492	3,247	151,813	35,500
Feb., 1943.....	44,687	80,367	9,230	2,831	137,115	31,400
1944.....	44,382	94,738	7,269	3,701	150,090	36,000
July-Feb.						
1942-43 ....	364,016	753,128	90,512	24,541	1,232,197	288,283
1943-44 ....	360,981	786,455	57,742	32,812	1,237,990	295,500



# 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
1939.....	1,948	144,948	23,869	87,084
1940.....	1,996	150,064	24,252	88,755
January, 1942.....	2,592	189,465	25,445	107,193
1943.....	3,163	233,242	26,351	116,537
1944.....	3,350	250,169	27,125	118,183
2nd Jan., 1943 to 31st Jan., 1943 .....	3,538	251,082	26,728	113,547
18th Dec., 1943 to 31st Jan., 1944 .....	3,619	250,169	27,793	110,565
1st February, 1943 to 13th March, 1943 .....	3,355	256,807	27,297	119,140
1st February, 1944 to 11th March, 1944 .....	3,461	262,051	28,041	114,404

# 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS. (See also No. 17).

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
January .....	20	—	10	86	6	—
February .....	20	1	14	92	5	—
March .....	6	1	19	105	5	—
March Quarter .....	46	2	43	283	16	—
Second-hand Vehicles—						
January .....	708	677	267	267	312	298
February .....	751	793	280	314	294	397
March .....	770	1,064	361	337	344	388
March Quarter .....	2,229	2,534	908	918	950	1,083
Renewals—						
March Quarter .....	12,035	12,948	4,792	4,881	1,530	1,675
Cancellations—						
March Quarter .....	1,231	1,673	451	583	377	549
Expirations—						
March Quarter .....	12,236	12,750	5,081	5,131	1,870	1,948

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a). (excluding vehicles used by defence services.)				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended Dec., 1931 ..	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1933 ..	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934 ..	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935 ..	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936 ..	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937 ..	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
1938 ..	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115,571
1939 ..	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	5,449	61,565	16,460	120,584
1940 ..	58,184	24,499	9,215	91,898	5,977	63,593	16,744	127,995
1941 ..	54,528	24,382	7,262	86,172	6,594	66,374	17,761	136,457
1942 ..	53,558	22,583	5,882	82,023	6,000	67,508	19,386	144,209
1943 ..	56,608	23,714	6,329	86,651	4,044	69,329	17,327	153,356
January, 1943 .....	53,831	22,671	5,949	82,451	470	67,694	1,640	144,749
1944 .....	56,917	23,826	6,491	87,234	229	69,457	762	153,403
February, 1943 .....	54,122	22,745	6,022	82,889	260	67,673	1,451	145,928
1944 .....	57,273	23,989	6,512	87,774	256	69,590	898	154,030
March, 1943 .....	54,401	22,794	6,131	83,326	396	67,869	1,582	147,145
1944 .....	57,669	24,080	6,590	88,339	302	69,787	933	153,948

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Tons.	Prime.	Prime.	Prime.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
January, 1943 .....	a	a	1 11	2 12 6	12 17 6	19 6	24 6
1944 .....	a	a	2 10	4 5 0	15 11 3	17 0	22 0
February, 1943 .....	a	a	1 11	2 12 6	12 15 0	20 0	24 0
1944 .....	a	a	2 10	4 5 0	16 1 3	18 3	22 6
March, 1939.....	1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2	2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 15 0	14 13 0	19 3	20 0
1940.....	3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 17 9	12 13 9	20 0	19 3
1941.....	4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 1	3 5 0	17 7 6	19 6	19 3
1942.....	3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10	2 7 6	14 5 0	16 6	20 3
1943.....	a	a	1 11	2 16 6	14 1 0	21 9	22 3
1944.....	a	a	2 10	4 5 0	18 1 0	20 3	22 9

(a) No quotations. Where prices are shown, they are the average for the year.

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lb.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13-66	4,040
1937-38 .....	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11-28	13,913
1938-39 .....	325,854	100,982,688	3,842,380	9-10	7,192

From 1939-40, Wool sales were cancelled owing to purchase of wool by British Government; for 1939-40, average price received by growers was 11-935d., for 1940-41 11-85d., 1941-42 11-75d. and 1942-43 13-65d.

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2 lb.	Flour, 2 lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7 lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Jan., 1943.....	6-00	4-55	40-80	6-50	20-00	22-95	8-19	9-80	9-05
1944.....	5-75	4-55	27-10	6-50	20-00	28-25	8-40	9-78	10-00
Feb., 1943.....	5-75	4-55	40-95	6-50	20-00	22-90	9-12	9-70	9-10
1944.....	5-75	4-55	27-10	6-50	20-00	28-25	8-45	9-89	10-00
Mar., 1939.....	5-50	4-60	27-85	5-85	19-50	17-20	19-57	8-35	8-15
1940.....	5-50	4-55	32-15	5-85	19-05	16-95	7-00	7-60	8-10
1941.....	5-50	4-55	33-05	5-85	19-05	17-20	9-13	9-40	8-10
1942.....	6-00	4-55	41-05	6-00	20-05	19-90	19-12	8-60	7-95
1943.....	5-75	4-55	40-95	6-50	20-00	25-45	10-94	9-75	9-30
1944.....	5-75	4-55	27-10	6-50	20-00	28-25	8-40	9-89	10-00

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE) AND WAGES.

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	January.		February.		March.	
	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.	1944.
Food and groceries .....	998	990	993	990	1,010	988
	Year.				March Quarter.	
Food and groceries .....	900	905	1,046	1,003	1,000	989
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	892	893	893	893	893	892
Clothing .....	961	1,120	1,290	1,409	1,368	1,415
Miscellaneous (Hardware, etc.) .....	1,051	1,127	1,184	1,211	1,213	1,213
All items .....	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,093	1,104
	Per Week—1st May.					
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Federal Basic Wage—Males .....	76 0	78 0	83 0	88 0	93 0	93 0
State Living Wage—Males .....	78 0	78 0	84 0	87 0	94 0	94 0
State Living Wage—Females .....	38 0	38 0	41 0	43 6	46 2	46 2

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings. (a)		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£	£	£	£
Year, 1931 .....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932 .....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1934 .....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1936 .....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	351,301
1938 .....	1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650
1940 .....	1,714	1,238,995	98	373,865	360,802	1,973,662	648,082
1941 .....	1,456	1,175,301	113	303,450	267,069	1,745,820	634,261
1942 .....	551	385,740	54	110,504	212,317	708,561	452,803
1943 .....	(b) 447	221,732	75	217,340	230,938	670,010	310,565
Jan., 1943. ....	13	6,612	3	862	49,797	57,271	77,382
1944. ....	7	2,775	1	900	15,346	19,021	4,675
Feb., 1943. ....	17	8,397	6	41,085	11,257	60,739	5,472
1944. ....	8	3,475	5	17,130	21,267	41,872	10,755
Mar., 1943. ....	10	4,229	4	4,260	9,854	18,343	88,595
1944. ....	14	5,269	3	198,954	20,344	224,567	19,921
Mar., Quarter, 1943. ....	40	19,238	13	46,207	70,908	136,353	171,449
1944. ....	29	11,519	9	216,984	56,957	285,460	35,351

(a) From 1937 each dwelling unit counted separately.

(b) In addition, there were 152 Commonwealth war-workers' homes.



### 23.—SALES TAX.

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Total Year.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,069	876	848	11,159	2,416	2,202	2,084	26,577
1934.....	951	698	797	10,014	2,179	1,744	2,385	26,243
1936.....	1,102	902	960	11,909	2,509	2,269	2,294	29,901
1937.....	966	1,148	963	12,587	2,680	2,731	2,717	35,696
1938.....	1,142	962	1,051	12,685	3,354	2,592	3,296	36,968
1939.....	1,172	975	1,041	12,330	2,933	2,538	3,069	35,562
1940.....	1,469	1,063	1,005	12,629	3,944	3,170	2,918	38,311
1941.....	1,591	1,260	1,470	17,524	4,096	2,985	3,594	44,364
1942.....	1,545	1,383	1,433	16,005	3,811	3,967	4,007	46,239
1943.....	1,241	1,242	1,214	14,745	4,736	3,523	3,948	45,755
1944.....	1,154	1,126	1,301	—	3,421	3,841	3,928	—

The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for the fact that at various times different commodities have been exempted or become taxable, and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the returns has been reduced or increased.

### 24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.

Period.		S.A. Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
		Companies.	Authorized Capital.	Loans.	Dis-charges.	
		No.	£	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
	1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
	1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
	1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
	1939.....	149	3,625,928	5,807,137	4,229,509	8,226,650
	1941.....	48	814,000	5,563,346	4,551,920	9,728,700
	1942.....	3	852,500	4,055,841	3,875,892	6,585,800
	1943.....	2	15,000	4,019,000	5,213,746	7,391,100
Jan.,	1943.....	—	—	530,900	414,840	449,100
	1944.....	2	3,990	248,885	448,330	599,700
Feb.,	1943.....	—	—	249,590	319,517	510,100
	1944.....	—	—	298,170	390,175	551,700
Mar.	1943.....	—	—	311,420	428,890	665,900
	1944.....	—	—	332,460	570,620	758,700
March, Quarter,	1943.....	—	—	1,091,910	1,163,247	1,625,100
	1944.....	2	3,990	879,515	1,409,125	1,910,100

## 25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).

Period.		Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
		No.	No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
	1939.....	344	630	1,909,887	1,283,966	625,921
	1940.....	214	437	980,784	778,432	202,352
	1941.....	148	284	782,084	603,883	178,201
	1942.....	130	222	775,866	607,705	168,161
	1943.....	53	93	247,559	205,562	41,997
Jan.,	1943.....	—	3	3,209	3,976	Cr. 767
	1944.....	1	2	17,542	13,747	3,795
Feb.,	1943.....	8	13	47,344	34,987	12,357
	1944.....	1	3	3,919	1,362	2,557
Mar.,	1943.....	16	20	90,356	82,892	7,464
	1944.....	6	11	38,430	38,705	Cr. 275
Mar., Quarter,	1943.....	24	36	140,909	121,855	19,054
	1944.....	8	16	59,891	53,814	6,077

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

## 26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
In factories.						
Jan. ....	1,194,121	1,268,456	1,375,360	1,323,422	1,215,650	1,471,680
Feb. ....	974,450	974,288	1,021,440	956,642	721,280	889,280
March .....	768,182	911,680	909,440	644,280	725,760	743,680
July-March....	15,123,418	15,101,464	15,025,920	16,616,471	15,585,197	17,433,920
Year.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
In Factories ..	18,374,275	17,722,368	18,064,145	19,427,272	18,903,111	17,917,631
On Farms ....	3,005,364	2,734,235	2,500,000	556	340	—
Total ....	21,379,639	20,456,603	20,564,145	19,427,828	18,903,451	17,917,631

## 27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January-Dec., 1938 .....	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543	31,443
1939 .....	28,216	26,240	42,156	327,660	341,073	29,602
1940 .....	30,950	25,751	47,537	345,381	362,860	38,150
1941 .....	27,496	28,088	44,433	355,970	431,613	60,916
1942 .....	36,667	29,601	44,893	417,954	432,084	48,420
1943 .....	40,631	31,606	52,513	434,596	495,984	34,879

## 28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended February.				Quarter Ended February.	
1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
108,376,745	126,035,337	137,216,465	144,504,585	40,266,655	50,768,772
1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
158,024,844	193,926,174	241,569,776	231,018,908	57,895,293	50,454,903

## 29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.

1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
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Gas (1,000,000 cubic feet).

1,090	1,119	1,155	1,182	1,240	1,307	1,496	1,693
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Electricity (1,000 British Units).

200,488	223,925	240,903	256,282	270,415	287,322	383,940	419,194
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# 30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Wheat.....	acres	2,734,595	2,560,390	2,325,717	2,009,027	1,600,000 <i>b</i>
	bush.	41,071,696	17,856,118	30,511,112	36,525,459	19,000,000 <i>b</i>
	average	15-02	6-97	13-12	18-18	11-88 <i>b</i>
Barley.....	acres	503,548	471,211	478,256	297,980	275,000 <i>b</i>
	bush.	9,960,237	4,775,818	11,714,002	6,020,364	4,800,000 <i>b</i>
	average	19-78	10-14	24-49	20-20	17-45 <i>b</i>
Oats.....	acres	349,018	472,545	291,345	262,590	275,000 <i>b</i>
	bush.	4,062,541	1,829,404	3,800,229	3,365,025	2,500,000 <i>b</i>
	average	11-64	3-87	13-04	12-81	9-09 <i>b</i>
Hay.....	acres	531,614	403,678	557,624	425,505	280,000 <i>b</i>
	tons	646,075	394,274	748,313	568,529	336,000 <i>b</i>
	average	1-22	0-98	1-34	1-34	1-20 <i>b</i>
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	170,111	155,851	145,926	97,582	
Pastures ..	tons	53,583	50,452	50,839	37,534	
Cattle .....	No.	351,013	376,654	399,143	424,253	
Horses .....	No.	190,013	182,206	171,092	164,855	
Sheep .....	No.	9,940,570	10,263,423	10,245,894	10,370,565	
Pigs .....	No.	119,660	190,068	114,244	156,243	
Sheep Shorn .	No.	10,132,619	10,638,154	10,202,966	10,760,119	
Wool Clip ...	lb.	91,136,064	92,611,206	91,997,867	94,535,778	
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	105,265,869	106,646,992	105,124,013	108,637,004	
Ewes Mated .	No.	4,436,435	4,631,407	4,515,900	4,606,232	
Lambs Marked	No.	3,102,835	3,196,548	2,949,511	3,228,523	
Wine—						
Beverage...	gall.	5,387,244	5,250,890	5,091,008	7,542,294	
Distillation	gall.	5,792,400	5,815,760	6,048,718	7,589,778	
Total ...	gall.	11,179,644	11,066,650	11,139,726	15,132,072	
Currants ....	cwt.	208,930	134,904	176,296	179,225	
Raisins .....	cwt.	299,869	310,346	317,779	329,263	
Apples .....	bush.	589,112	1,750,000	300,000	789,126	
Oranges .....	bush.	754,070	924,122	733,454	593,150	
Factories						
Establishments	No.	2,265	2,230	2,167	2,115 <i>b</i>	
Hands ...	No.	45,050	50,844	65,252	71,000 <i>b</i>	
Wages, etc.	£	8,957,893	10,849,308	16,679,153	19,700,000 <i>b</i>	
Output ...	£	37,696,538	43,600,329	59,896,493	67,000,000 <i>b</i>	
Production						
Value...	£	14,403,520	16,916,102	24,565,855	27,000,000 <i>b</i>	
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	48,976	48,765	53,485	41,699	
	£	5,716,856	5,045,062	5,708,094	4,905,840	

*a* Including wool on skins.      *b* Estimated.